

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 700

By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Daniel Kellum on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel Kellum is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for twenty years as headmaster of Donelson Christian Academy (DCA); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kellum will be taking a much deserved retirement in June 2012; and

WHEREAS, first joining DCA in 1992, his hard work and tireless devotion have brought countless improvements in facilities and an influx of new students to the interdenominational, prekindergarten-to-twelfth-grade Christian school; and

WHEREAS, in the wake of the May 2010 floods, DCA sustained almost \$4.5 million worth of damage to its campus, particularly the first floor of the main building; and

WHEREAS, with the help of two anonymous donors, Dr. Kellum was able to raise enough funds for post-flood renovations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel Kellum inspired the community to come together and raise \$500,000 towards this goal, which would be matched by one of the donors, resulting in a total of \$1 million; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these funds, DCA received \$500,000 in insurance so that, in just over 100 days, Dr. Kellum collected almost \$2 million to restore the Christian academy; and

WHEREAS, despite the havoc wreaked by the devastating flood, DCA students missed only four days of school, evidence of both Dr. Kellum's commitment to education and the kindness of local churches, Two Rivers Baptist and First Baptist Donelson, who volunteered their facilities for the duration of the 2009-2010 school year; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement, Dr. Kellum plans to assist the DCA board of trustees in the creation of a transition plan for the next headmaster and in the execution of the school's long-term master plan; and

WHEREAS, while Dr. Daniel Kellum will always cherish his time with DCA, he looks forward to fishing, hunting, and spending more time with his grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the faculty, staff, parents, and students of DCA express much gratitude to Dr. Kellum for his invaluable contributions to their school and will greatly miss his stalwart leadership and passion for education; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dr. Daniel Kellum has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of colleagues, students, and parents; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Dr. Daniel Kellum our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.